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1. Jordanians clearly have not explored fully possibilities purchase MIRAGE on reasonable terms.

2. Jordan's ability pay for ground forces equipment plus supersonics is doubtful. Separate message re payments ground forces package raises question GOJ's plans pay for supersonics.

3. Meanwhile US position Deptels 467 to Paris and 23 to Amman unchanged. We urging French consider sales agreement with Jordan which conditions delivery on availability funds from Jordan.

4. Jordanians must also understand that acquisition Soviet planes not only incompatible Memorandum Understanding March 18, 1965, but also risks whole basis for present US-Jordanian relationship.

If GOJ unable finance West European supersonics at same time it involved in expensive ground forces procurement, we would counsel delay until funds available.

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